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What is it?

The Aboriginal Digital Collections (ADC) program is a unique opportunity to preserve, celebrate and communicate Aboriginal heritage, languages, business and economic development on the Internet. At the same time, Aboriginal youth develop skills and gain valuable experience. Increasing the amount of Canadian content on-line is part of Connecting Canadians, the Government of Canada's vision and plan to make Canada the most connected country in the world.

"By participating in the [Aboriginal] Digital Collections program, youth will get an opportunity to bridge the gap between their interest in art, heritage, content creation, organization, teaching and the IT knowledge based industries."

Jim Bruce, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre

Who's involved?

ADC is administered by Canada's Digital Collections program with help from Aboriginal Business Canada. The initiative provides financial contributions to Aboriginal organizations and businesses selected through a competitive process to hire Aboriginal youth to design Web sites. Funding for ADC is provided under Canada's Youth Employment Strategy.

How does it work?

ADC will provide financial contributions to Aboriginal Canadian individuals, associations, businesses, partnerships and institutions to hire teams of Aboriginal youth, aged 15 to 30, to digitize text, images, and audio and video material for display on the Internet. This work experience gives young Aboriginal people the opportunity to develop the skills they need to compete in the knowledge-based economy, while displaying the talent, content and business expertise of Aboriginal knowledge companies working in the Canadian multimedia industry. The material will range from information on Aboriginal business opportunities to contemporary issues, such as the preservation of languages and culture. The pilot program is an excellent example of electronic service delivery, as proposals are

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